

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It can be seen that tape 30 may be secured in place while laminate sheet 10 is being bonded to substrate core 32 in the laminating device. Tape 30 ensures that inlay piece 26 remains properly aligned and secured in place during the laminating process. As a result of the laminating process, inlay piece 26 and laminate sheet 10 are both bonded in place to substrate core 32. Thereafter, the tape 30 may be removed. Fig. 6 shows laminate sheet 10 and ~~insert portion~~ **inlay piece** 26 bonded to substrate core 32 with tape 30 removed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After lamination is complete, a sports board having a composite inlay including insert 326c, 346[[b]]**b**, and 326a, has been formed, as shown in Fig. 21. It should be understood that sports board with composite inlays having different combinations of inserts may be formed using the same process described for the sports board shown in Fig. 21. For example, a sports board having a composite inlay having inserts 346a,

316b, and 346c may be use to form a composite inlay from top skin 320. Additionally, as another example, a sports board having a composite inlay having inserts 316a, 326b, and 316c may be use to form a composite inlay from top skin 340.